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PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
64th Annual Session
—OF THE—
Union Baptist Association
—HELD WITH—
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH,

GREENE COUNTY, ALA.,

COMMENCING AUGUST 29TH, 1899.

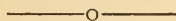
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OFFICERS:

W. G. ROBERTSON, Moderator, - - - CARROLLTON, ALA.
W. L. WHITE, Clerk and Treasurer, - - - PICKENSVILLE, ALA.

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The next Session of the Association will be held with Millport Church, Lamar County, Alabama, beginning on Tuesday before the First Sunday in September, 1900, and continuing three days.

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PROCEEDINGS.



SHILOH CHURCH, August 26th, 1899.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, W. G. Robertson, at 10 a. m., Bro. W. L. White acting as Clerk.

Brethren M. B. Curry and J. W. Smith were appointed to read the letters. The letters were read and messengers were enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—Elder D. O. Baird and J. F. Hodge.

Fellowship—Elder G. W. Kerr.

Kennedy—By letter.

Liberty—J. W. Abrams and J. N. Easterwood.

Millport—Jno. Cox.

Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.

New Salem—J. H. Doughty, D. O. Stokes and J. M. Pratt, Jr.

Pleasant Grove—Not represented.

Spring Hill (Lamar)—J. T. Blalock and G. B. Coleman.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Arbor Springs—T. J. Lowe and J. R. Wilkins.

Big Creek—Elder Hix B. Chappell and W. H. Bridges.

Cross Roads—M. N. Lewis and W. W. McCulley.

Hebron—Joseph Burgess, Wm. Whitaker and Wm. Pearson.

Hickory Grove—Wash. Homes and Belton Brown.

Mineral Springs—G. J. Duncan.

McBee—Not represented.

Oak Ridge—Not represented.

Spring Hill (Pickens)—By letter.

Union Center—J. M. Mills.

Admitted, Reform—J. W. Gardner and J. W. Smith.

“ Ethelville—W. C. Hancock and Arthur Stimpson.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Carrollton—Elder J. W. Caldwell, W. G. Robertson and M. B. Curry.

Ebenezer—P. S. Hammonds and W. T. Hardy.

Euon—W. P. Noland.

Pickensville—Elder W. L. White.

Prairie—Grant Taylor, R. R. Cameron and W. S. Park.

Unity—J. E. Corder, Jonathan Phillips and Matthew Maughan.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Beulah—S. S. Thornton, J. P. Roebuck and R. C. Chambers.

Bethel—James Crocker, A. C. Robertson and T. A. Stewart.

Cornelius Chapel—D. W. Hamner.

Chalcedony—J. C. Burroughs and J. T. Burroughs.

Flat Woods—James Yerby.

Forest—W. H. Teer, M. C. Hudgins and J. M. Goodson.

Grant's Creek—R. L. Wooley, R. H. Foster and E. M. Bealle.

New Hope—J. M. Smith, Geo. Poole and H. A. Patrick.

Shiloh—J. A. Leavell, W. G. Leavell and W. C. McCracken.

Zion—Mark Pate and Marion Marquis.

The election of permanent officers resulted in the election of W. G. Robertson as Moderator, and W. L. White as Clerk and Treasurer.

Order of business as reported by the Committee adopted, and subsequent proceedings conducted accordingly.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 a. m., by Elder J. D. Ray; text Phil. iii: 8-16.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder W. B. Crumpton.

Petitionary letters were called for, and received from the new churches of Reform and Ethelville. The churches were received into the Association, the right hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers by the Moderator in behalf of the Association, and the churches were assigned to the Second District.

Correspondence and visitors were called for, and received as follows:

State Board of Missions—Elder W. B. Crumpton.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Stewart.

Alabama Baptist—Elder G. W. Kerr.

Foreign Mission Journal—Elder W. L. White.

Bigbee Association—Elder J. D. Cook.

Tuscaloosa Association—Elders J. H. Curry, J. T. Bealle, M. B. Smith and S. E. Hodge.

The report on Sunday Schools was read, and after discussion by M. B. Curry, W. L. White, W. B. Crumpton and J. W. Stewart, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee submits the following report:

That our Sunday Schools, as they are at present organized and conducted, are authorized and fully warranted by the teaching of God's word, and is one of the most potent auxiliaries to the Church in its great work.

We find that Sunday School work in the bounds of our Association has been very much on the decline for the past few years, but we are pleased to note that greater interest is now manifest and the prospects for the future of Sunday Schools are brighter.

We recommend that the plans adopted by our last Sunday School Convention for the furtherance of the work be endorsed and aided by this Association, and that its officers and agents may receive our hearty encouragement and co-operation.

We further recommend that the pastors of our churches will make an earnest and prayerful effort to have a Sunday School established and kept alive in all the churches that may come under their pastorates during the next Associational year.

M. B. CURRY, Chairman.

The report on Bible and Colportage was read, and after discussion by E. M. Bealle, Elders Hix B. Chappell, J. D. Cook, S. E. Hodge and J. T. Bealle, was adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Bible and Colportage begs to report the following:

As our Association has been short of funds, we have not thought it best to have an Associational agent. The churches have given their meagre offerings mostly to missions, which they thought would do most good. Hence your committee know of

nothing being done in this line of Christian work during our last Associational year.

However, some of us know several families which are without God's Holy Book. It seems very strange in this enlightened age, as cheap as Bibles are, that the head of a family will allow his or her home to be without a Bible. We are inclined to believe that, if such people were given Bibles, they would not appreciate the gifts enough to take care of the books; much less to heed and study them.

Therefore, we recommend the giving of Bibles and Testaments to the children of such parents or dependants of such heads of families. Giving Bibles to the poor and helpless is one of the most hallowed of Christian works. What if one soul be led to Christ; and that one another, and so on. The good of such work eternity alone can reveal. God's word shall not return unto him void.

We also recommend that Christians who have wholesome, religious books and papers which they have no use for, give or lend them to people who haven't them. We might keep a few good books in circulation among our neighbors nearly all the time. In this way we may make a righteous impression on the mind of a child or friend and lead them to the Saviour, "and departing leave behind us footprints in the sands of time."

We further recommend that churches raise a Bible and religious literature fund, to be put in the hands of the pastor (the principal held intact to be turned over to his successor), the interest of this fund to be used in buying and giving Bibles and other Baptist literature to people who are not able to buy, or to sell to those who are. Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BEALLE, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the following Temporary Committees:

Committee on Religious Exercises—J. F. Hodge, J. W. Abrams, W. H. Teer, Pastor and Deacons of Shiloh Church.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Elder J. D. Ray, S. S. Thornton and W. C. McCracken.

Committee on Documents—J. E. Corder, W. P. Peden and J. W. Gardner.

Committee on Nominations—E. M. Bealle, W. C. Hancock and R. L. Wooley.

Committee on Finance—M. B. Curry, J. W. Smith and J. W. Park.

Committee on Apportionment—J. M. Smith, J. M. Mills and J. N. Easterwood.

Reports from Districts were called for.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Held with Mt. Pleasant Church, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1898.

The next session will be held with Bethlehem Church, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1899.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. O. E. Wooten; alternate, W. J. Beaty. Missionary Sermon by Rev. D. O. Baird; alternate, G. W. Kerr.

Query 1st—What was the Apostolic doctrine that they continued steadfastly in? By O. E. Wooten.

Query 2nd—Why am I a Baptist? By W. J. Beaty.

Query 3rd—Is it desirable to have a Woman's Temperance Union in every community? By G. W. Kerr.

Query 4th—Is the Sabbath School a part of the evangelistic work? By Jas. B. Hodo.

Query 5th—Can the present system of co-operation in foreign fields be improved? By Dr. D. O. Baird.

Query 6th—To what extent should the church exert her influence to suppress existing evils? By J. A. Estes.

Respectfully,

JAS. B. HODO, Moderator.

JACKSON M. PRATT, Clerk.

SECOND DISTRICT.

The next session of the Second District will convene with Union Centre Church on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in December, 1899.

Introductory Sermon by Elder G. W. Kerr; alternate, Hix B. Chappell. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. W. Caldwell; alternate, W. L. White.

Query 1st—What are the main difficulties in the way of the development of Christian character? Opened by Eddie Ferguson.

Query 2nd—What does Christ mean in Matthew xiii: 29? Opened by Elder W. L. White.

Query 3rd—To whom did Christ commit the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper—to the Church, or His ambassadors or bishops? Opened by Elder G. W. Kerr.

Query 4th—Is it right to engage in festivals or suppers for the raising of funds for Church purposes? Opened by Zack Hall.

J. A. PEARSON, Clerk.

THIRD DISTRICT.

The next session of this body will be held with Ebenezer Church beginning on Friday before the 2nd fifth Sunday in 1900.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. W. Caldwell; alternate,

Elder H. B. Chappell. Missionary Sermon by Elder G. W. Kerr; alternate, Elder W. L. White.

Query 1st—Does the Bible teach Church discipline, and how should it be administered? Opened by Elder J. W. Caldwell.

Query 2nd—Are the heathen lost without the Gospel? W. G. Robertson.

Query 3rd—Whose fault is it that so little interest is manifested in the cause of missions? W. P. Peden and C. W. Free.

Query 4th—Shall the distinctive doctrines of the Baptist churches be preached more? W. L. White and Sam'l L. Cox.

Query 5th—What are the prerequisites to the Lord's Supper? *J. H. Stinson and M. B. Curry.

Collection for State Missions, \$10.43.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Next session to be held with Zion Church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1900.

Introductory Sermon by Bro. J. W. Caldwell; alternate, J. D. Ray. Missionary Sermon by Bro. J. D. Hamner; alternate, J. H. M. Anders.

Query 1st—Is it the duty of all male members to pray in public? If not, why? Opened by Bro. J. M. Smith.

Query 2nd—What advantages are to be derived from living up to our duty and privileges? Opened by Bro. Marion Marquis.

Query 3rd—What are necessary qualifications for membership in a Baptist Church? Opened by Bro. J. L. Ray.

Query 4th—Can Baptists receive alien immersion? Opened by J. W. Edwards.

Collection on Sabbath for Missions, \$5.23—forwarded with this report.

J. L. RAY, Clerk.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by M. B. Curry; prayer by J. D. Cook.

Report on Education was called for, and in absence of a report the question was opened for discussion. Elder W. B. Crumpton made a strong plea for Christian education. He argued that education was the best from

1st—A financial standpoint, both for the parent and the child; enabling the child to be self-supporting, and caring for the parent in old age.

2nd—A social standpoint; fitting for great influence in the social world.

3rd—An intellectual standpoint; to further the interests

of science and the arts, and enhancing the pleasure of intellectual pursuits.

4th—A religious standpoint; to further the interests of religion. Under this head the speaker made a strong plea for Howard College, Judson Institute, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The speech was grand and heartily endorsed by the entire body, and was well received by the congregation. The question was further discussed by W. L. White.

Reports on Missions were called for and read as follows:

ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

The work of State Missions in our State at the present promises better than at any previous time in the history of the State Board. Districting the State and employing an evangelist for each district has resulted in giving a hopeful inspiration to mission enterprise in the State.

But your Committee would call your attention to the fact that our portion of the State has been neglected in the distribution of the labor of State Evangelists. We recommend that the Association make an effort to get the State Board to so arrange the work of the District Evangelist of the S. W. district that he can give part of his time to this Association.

We respectfully remind the Association of the existence of a board in our State known as the Institute Board. The object of the Institute Board is to better prepare our ministers to preach the Gospel—in doing this the pastor is brought more in sympathy with the enterprise of the churches. We regret that we have not received any direct benefit from the Institute Board.

We recommend that the Association take such action as will secure the holding of one Institute in our Association during the year '99-1900.

Your Committee, with grateful hearts, would remind the Association of the payment of the debts of the Board; also, the debts of our institutions of learning.

Let us pray and work to make a grand advance for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

D. O. BAIRD, Chairman.

ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions begs leave to make the following report:

Never in our history have the demands of Home Missions been so urgent as now. In the Providence of God it is equally

true of us, as a nation, as of the Briton—the sun never sets on our domain. Then properly Home Missions include not only Cuba and Porto Rico, but that vast archipelago known as the Philippine Islands, the inhabitants of which though our antipodes now claim our attention and solicitude. These multiplied millions of heathen must have the Gospel. As a nation we are now sending them soldiers armed with carnal weapons. Soon we trust to displace these soldiers with the heralds of the Cross of Christ, armed with the Sword of the Spirit. Then and not till then can we verify our plea that humanity provoked the issue with Spain.

Our venerable and efficient secretary, Dr. Tichenor, who has served the Board so faithfully these many years, has resigned and Dr. Kerfoot, late of the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has been selected to succeed him. Dr. Kerfoot, we believe, has every element of efficiency and success.

Let Home Missions then receive not only our aid but our prayers—that the heathen of our household may come to the knowledge of the true God through the atoning sacrifice of Christ our Savior. Respectfully submitted,

HIX B. CHAPPELL, Chairman.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions begs leave to submit the following:

Our God, whom we profess to serve, is certainly a God of missions. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John iii : 16.

"I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." John ix : 4.

What is our Saviour's desire concerning all men? "Who would have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1st Timothy ii : 4.

What is the condition of the heathen? "Having no hope and without God in the world." Eph. ii : 12.

What is the fate of the heathen without the Gospel? "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Ps. ix : 17.

What is Christ's command? "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. xxviii : 19.

Have Christians, who cannot go to carry the Gospel to for-

eign lands, any responsibility in this matter? "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard; and how shall they hear without a preacher; and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans x: 14-15.

What promise of success have we in this work? "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for a possession."—Ps. ii: 8. "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."—Ps. lxxii: 8. "And they shall come from the East and the West and from the North and the South, and sit down in the Kingdom of God."—Luke xiii: 29.

From these and many other portions of the Word of God we are led to believe that the Christian missionary work is laid on a firm foundation, that of the Prophets and the Apostles, Jesus Christ being the chief corner-stone.

In the year 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention was organized at Augusta, Ga. We, as an association of churches, belong in this convention and we should co-operate in all of its work.

Dr. John A. Broadus, just before his death, in a grand speech for foreign missions, said: "I would have nothing to do with the seminary unless I could nail to the mast-head 'The world for Christ'." And we should thank God that the new president of our seminary, Dr. E. Y. Mullens, has the same God-given spirit. He says in a letter recently written to our Foreign Mission Board: "One of the peculiar joys that I have in this new work is in the feeling that once more I stand side by side with you in promoting the great cause of Foreign Missions; for you may be sure that all the influence that I possess shall be made to tell in that direction among the students of the seminary."

Our Southern Baptist Convention appoints each year thirty-six of our brethren to look into the details of and manage our Foreign Mission work. Twenty-one of its members reside in Richmond, Va., where the Board has been located since the Convention was organized in 1845. Fifteen are chosen, one from each Southern State and District of Columbia. This Board is elected annually. But some, on account of their experience and efficiency, are re-elected. Some have served for twenty years. They all do their work without pay except the secretary and assistant, who devote their whole time to the work. The treasurer gives part of his time, and is paid accordingly. W. C. Bleilsoe is our member from Alabama.

Our Association of thirty-six churches, with 2,096 members, gave last year to State, Home and Foreign Missions \$326.02, about 15 cents per member. We think if we could get every one of our members to inform himself of the details of the Foreign Mission work that he would become more interested and identify himself with it; and in twelve months our contributions would be easily doubled.

Our Convention has directed the Board to enlarge its work 25 per cent. The debt that has been hanging over the Board and hindering the work for so long has been paid. They ask the churches of Alabama for \$8,000. We can easily give it if every member will give his mite. They ask all the States in the South to give \$136,000. If each member in the South would give one cent a month, it would more than make the amount. Let us open our hearts and let the spirit of missions come in and take possession. Our Lord wants the hearts of His people in His work. We do ourselves great injustice; we dwarf our souls if we are indifferent to His wishes and commands.

Brethren, if we are indifferent and negligent in this work, of one thing we may be sure, our LORD IS NOT.

Let us put our hearts, our prayers, our money, in this great work, that in the day of victory our joy may be full.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. FOSTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

As directed by your body at its last meeting, your Committee undertook work on the M. & O. R. R., at the new towns of Reform and Ethelville. We asked the co-operation of the Secretary of the State Board of Missions, while Bro. Thompson was acting secretary. We requested, at least, that the Board allow us to apply the amounts raised by the churches of this Association to the work at these points, which was readily agreed to.

Acting upon this permission, your Committee called a meeting the last of January, when it was agreed to begin work at Reform at once. Bro. J. W. Caldwell was employed as missionary pastor at a salary of \$10 per month for the remainder of the Associational year, and entrusted with the work of organizing a church and building a house of worship.

He began work here the third Sunday in February, and has preached regularly with the exception of one Sunday since. A Baptist Sunday School was organized here the fifth Sunday in October by the Moderator and Clerk of your body, and was the

nucleus for work. The church was organized the third Sunday in April with a membership of twelve, with three under the watch care, making a total of fifteen. There are at least ten others that will join at an early date. A lot has been secured by gift upon which to erect a church house, and about \$175 has been subscribed for a building. Your committee would have been glad to report a house of worship at this place, but hope to have one here in the near future.

Your committee sent postals to every church in the Association, asking their co-operation in this work and requesting that moneys for State Missions be sent to Bro. W. G. Robertson, treasurer for the committee.

The work at Ethelville was begun by Bro. G. W. Kerr, missionary pastor, the fourth Sunday in March, 1899. He raised \$30.00 for pastor's salary on the field and asked your committee to supplement that \$20.00, which we agreed to do. He has preached there regularly once a month since. Organized a Sunday School the first meeting, began a protracted meeting there the fourth Sunday in July, and organized a church with four members the Tuesday following. The meeting continued a week, resulting in four more being added by letter and two by baptism. At least ten more will join this little band as soon as they get their letters.

Your committee has also taken into consideration the outlook at the town of Gordo. There are here at least two hundred people, where two years ago there was an old field and pine forest. Forty families without any church at all. The Methodists and Presbyterians are looking at the field, white unto harvest, and have begun work here and will erect houses of worship. The territory is naturally Baptist, but unless we begin work here soon we are going to be left. Some good Baptist families live here, and they are sending out the Macedonian cry, "come over and help us." We should possess this field at once.

Your committee would recommend that the work be continued on the same plan, or one better, for the next Associational year.

W. L. WHITE,

Sec'y of Comm.

Pending the discussion, Elder D. O. Baird preached the Missionary Sermon from Ezekiel xxxvii, and Bro. J. W. Caldwell, in the grove, both taking collections for missions to the amount of \$18.82.

Committee on Religious exercises reported that Bro. J. W. Stewart would preach in the grove at 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises by the Moderator, and prayer by Bro. J. H. Curry.

Under head of Miscellaneous Business, the Clerk read a fraternal letter from Sisters M. F. Crawford and M. T. Bostic of Tai Anfu, China, and on motion Bros. W. L. White and Hix B. Chappelle were appointed to answer it in the same spirit in which it was written.

Discussion of the Mission reports was opened by Elder W. B. Crumpton, and a strong plea was made for our organized work. Discussion was continued by J. D. Cook, W. L. White and others, and reports were adopted.

The report on Orphans' Home was read and, after discussion by Bros. Jno. W. Stewart and J. H. Curry, was adopted. Pending discussion, a free-will offering was taken to the amount of \$21.30.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The Committee on Orphans' Home begs leave to report as follows:

The Baptist Orphans' Home is at Evergreen, Ala., under the management of Bro. J. W. Stewart, as Secretary and Treasurer, and Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, Matron. We find from a late report that since the establishment of the Home, a little over six years ago, there have been admitted to the Home 50 boys and 69 girls, and out of it have gone 28 boys and 27 girls, leaving in the Institution 22 boys and 42 girls—64 in all. We also find that the children who are old enough attend the Agricultural School nearby, where they are taught free of charge. From another report we learn that for some time past the daily expenses are considerably in advance of the receipts.

Now, brethren, we feel that such a noble institution, which ought to be near the heart of every Baptist of this Association, should not languish for the want of ample means to support it on the broad scale on which it ought to be conducted. We urgently exhort every church in this Association to make liberal contributions to the Home at stated times during the next Associational year. Respectfully submitted,

GRANT TAYLOR, Chairman.

The report on Baptist Young People's Union was read and, after discussion by D. O. Baird, W. B. Crumpton, J. W. Stewart, W. G. Robertson and others, was adopted.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

Your committee on B. Y. P. U. work is sorry to report :

That we know of no young people's society in our Association. One was successfully operated in the Masonic Lodge at Sylvan, Ala. Its membership was composed of young people from Grant's Creek and Bethel Churches. It was profitably enjoyed by some ; but owing to the indifference and discouragement of others, the society died the death of the righteous and has not risen from the earth yet.

No Baptist who keeps up with the workings of our denomination can speak but in praise of the young people's movement. It has thousands of societies, and hundreds of thousands of active members. Its object is :

1st—To train the young Baptist in efficient work, "learning them to do by doing."

2nd—To learn the distinctive Baptist doctrines. We must know what Baptists believe.

3rd—To teach Baptist history. Is our church from God or of men? Has the gates of hell ever prevailed against our church? If so, the Baptist Church is not the Church of God, but is a mere society, organized for the convenience or to suit the whim of a class of people. Have we any authority to make a church?

These and many other like questions our young people should be mentally, intellectually and spiritually able to answer, in order to combat successfully with the errors of the day.

We recommend the Baptist Union, the official organ of the B. Y. P. U. A., which would be of great benefit and blessing to the young worker. (The paper is published at Chicago, Ill. E. E. Chivers is editor; \$1.00 a year.) Any amount of B. Y. P. U. literature will be given away for the asking by our State Secretary, Gwylm Herbert, East Lake, Ala.

D. O. BAIRD, Chairman.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business the Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Elder G. W. Kerr would preach at 11 a. m. in the grove.

Thursday Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Report on Religious Literature was read and, after discussion by W. P. Peden, D. O. Baird, G. W. Kerr, W. L. White and J. W. Caldwell, was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The influence of true literature is always ennobling.

Books, papers or periodicals are good or bad according to the effect which they produce upon the mind of the reader. One of the greatest evils of our day is the flooding of the land with dime novels and infamous periodicals of the cheaper sort; some of these profess great good and may have some pure and sensible reading, yet on the whole are injurious and destructive.

It has been said that "the literature of the nation molds the thoughts of a whole people, guides their actions and impresses its indelible mark upon the lives and conduct of its citizens." The power of literature is no less marked in the individual than in the mass. Newspapers have become the great highway of that intelligence which exerts a controlling power over a nation. We should choose our literature as we do our friends—not for the accidental circumstances in their favor, but for their sterling and intrinsic merit.

Every family should have a religious paper in the home. We heartily recommend the Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PEDEN, Chairman.

Report on Temperance, after discussion by Hix B. Chappell, D. O. Baird, G. W. Kerr and others, was amended and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance, we know from God's word, is one of the graces of Christian character, which should be fostered and encouraged by all lovers of the Lord Jesus Christ. On the other hand, intemperance is the most foul corruptor of the human family that exists to-day—most domineering in its influence.

We have legal prohibition in the larger part of the territory covered by our Association, yet there is an illicit, unlawful traffic carried on in our bounds which invades the sacred precincts of our churches, even within the sound of the preaching of the Word. Being thus environed, our youth are being debauched,

morals corrupted, society degraded, homes destroyed, perjury and fraud are connived at and encouraged, the progress of the gospel of Christ is stayed. We believe that such conditions could not exist if Christians were loyal to our Master, for "what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness, and what concord hath Christ with Belial?" A passive faith and a nominal Christianity we further believe is responsible for this state of things.

We therefore recommend a purging of the churches, in a spirit of love, of ungodly members who in any way give countenance or encouragement to these baneful conditions, by a strict discipline of all offenders, and thus regain the respect and confidence of the world, which we have lost by winking at such in retaining them. Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MAYES, Chairman.

AMENDMENT.—We recommend to the churches to exclude from their membership anyone who signs a petition to sell whiskey or other intoxicating liquors, or sells or gives, knowingly, syrup of any kind, or grain, or anything else to be made into intoxicants. We further recommend the exclusion of all who drink intoxicating liquors to excess.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee has to report the death of Elder John B. Small.

Bro. Small joined the church at Rock West, Wilcox County, in early life. Notwithstanding the fact that he had a widowed mother to care for and many other burdens to bear, he obtained a good education and was licensed to preach by Friendship Church, Marengo County. In 1882 he was ordained to the full work of the ministry. In 1882-83 he did a great work in Mt. Vernon Church, Clark County, having forty accessions, and he added one hundred and twenty members in two years. He came to Pickens County in 1890, and assisted in building a church at Mineral Springs, and in 1891 he aided in building a house of worship near Old Trinity Church, Pickens County. In 1895 he was employed by the State Board of Missions to labor in the Union Association. He did a great work.

The last years of his life were spent in suffering, and he was unable to do any work for the Master. He died at the home of his daughter, near Carrollton, Pickens County, Alabama, July 11th, 1899. Respectfully submitted,

JAS. D. RAY, Chairman.

Report on Documents read, amended and adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We have examined the letters from the various churches and find some have had gracious revivals, while others are deploring their cold condition.

Eighteen churches have reported Sabbath Schools, and five prayer meetings.

We find only sixty-three taking the denominational paper.

Two churches have requested the meeting of the next Association, Millport and Spring Hill, Lamar county.

Three students for the ministry are reported, and Shiloh Church recommends Bro. J. D. Ray as a beneficiary of the Association for next year.

There have been two new churches organized and received into the Association, and have been assigned to the 2nd District.

Hickory Grove has ordained Bros. J. W. Wright and R. J. O'Bryant to the full work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CORDER, Chairman.

AMENDMENT.—We endorse the action of Shiloh Church in reference to Bro. J. D. Ray, and recommend that an amount not exceeding \$50.00 be donated to him out of the fund raised for ministerial education.

Report on Nominations adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to report the following:

The next Introductory Sermon by Bro. J. W. Caldwell; alternate, Bro. G. W. Kerr.

Missionary Sermon by Bro. Wm. L. White; alternate, J. D. Hamner.

Doctrinal Sermon by Bro. J. D. Ray; alternate, Bro. D. O. Baird. Subject—Regeneration.

By invitation, the next Association will be held with Millport Church, Lamar County, Alabama, beginning on Tuesday before the first Sunday in September, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BEALLE, Chm.	} Comm.
W. C. HANCOCK,	
R. L. WOOLEY,	

Moderator then appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—M. B. Curry, E. M. Bealle and John A. Pearson.
Home Missions—Elder J. W. Caldwell, Grant Taylor and J. F. Hodge.

Foreign Missions—J. H. Stinson, W. C. Mayes and W. H. Teer.

Baptist Young People's Union—H. S. Thornton, E. M. Bealle and J. M. Lofton.

Education—Elder Jas. D. Ray, J. I. Free and A. P. Hodo.

Literature—S. S. Thornton, J. W. Gardner and Sam'l L. Cox.

Woman's Work—Elder G. W. Kerr, J. P. Barnette and C. D. Harper.

Orphanage—J. M. Smith, H. S. Thornton and W. C. Hancock.

Sunday Schools—Jas. B. Hodo, J. M. Mills and J. E. Corder.

Temperance—Elder H. B. Chappell, J. E. McGee and J. W. Smith.

Bible and Colportage—Elder D. O. Baird, Thos. H. Noland and J. R. Wilkins.

Order of Business—Moderator and Clerk.

Executive Committee—1st District, J. F. Hodge; 2nd District, J. A. Pearson; 3rd District, M. B. Curry; 4th District, John Upchurch; and the Moderator and Clerk.

Elder W. L. White preached the Doctrinal Sermon on the New Testament Church from Matthew xxiii: 8.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Miscellaneous Business. D. O. Baird offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED. That the Executive Committee of this Association be instructed to apply all the money that may be received by them, that is not otherwise appropriated, to paying for ministerial work in the destitute localities in this Association. Such work shall be performed in the years 1899-1900. The pay shall be proportionate to the work.

Report of Special Committee of last year on Defunct Churches:

We find that Pleasant Grove has had a pastor for most of the past year. We find that Oak Ridge and McBee churches have had no conference meetings for the past three years and, while neither have been regularly dissolved, we are of the opinion that they will never be able again to exist as churches, and therefore recommend that the matter be turned over to the Executive Committee.

HIX B. CHAPPELL, Chairman.

Report on Woman's Work read, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The general organization of Woman's Work in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention was inaugurated in 1888.

All the States are now thoroughly organized. At first there was intense opposition, but now the strongest opposers have become its warmest supporters.

The object of the Unions is two-fold. 1st, the distribution of mission literature; 2nd, to secure the earnest and systematic co-operation of women and children in raising and collecting moneys for missions.

In giving missionary information, they have made free use of the press. They have a special department in the Foreign Mission Journal, Kind Words and thirteen or more religious newspapers.

They have under their direction the Sunbeam Societies, which are becoming one of the greatest factors in our mission work. In our own Association we have three societies in successful operation, which are clothing two little orphans in our Orphans' Home, and have contributed to the support of Missions and Ministerial Education, and have given more than \$100 to church furnishings and repairs.

Sister S. A. Robertson, of Carrollton, Ala., is our efficient Associational President, and will take pleasure in sending literature to the sisters of any church, and otherwise assist them in organizing societies.

We recommend that societies be organized in all churches where they can be successfully operated.

W. L. WHITE, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Apportionment read, amended and adopted.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Bethlehem.....	\$12 00	Unity.....	\$15 00
Liberty.....	10 00	Euon.....	20 00
Fellowship.....	8 00	Prairie.....	25 00
Spring Hill (Lamar)....	15 00	Shiloh.....	15 00
Millport.....	12 00	Bethel.....	60 00
Kennedy.....	25 00	Beulah.....	50 00
New Salem.....	6 00	New Hope.....	20 00
Arbor Springs.....	12 00	Forest.....	25 00
Mineral Springs.....	12 00	Zion.....	1 00
Spring Hill (Pickens)....	15 00	Flatwoods.....	1 00
Hebron.....	10 00	Cornelius Chapel.....	5 00
Big Creek.....	15 00	Grant's Creek.....	50 00
Cross Roads.....	7 00	Chaleedony.....	3 00
Hickory Grove.....	6 00	Union Center.....	7 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	10 00	Ethelville.....	5 00
Pickensville.....	25 00	Reform.....	10 00
Carrollton.....	50 00		
Ebenezer.....	10 00	Total.....	\$570 00
		J. M. MILLS, Chm.,	} Comm.
		J. M. SMITH,	
		J. N. EASTERWOOD,	

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE.

Resolved, Any member of this Association bearing the minute of this Association shall be recognized as a corresponding messenger from this body to any other Association of the same faith and order.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Elder D. O. Baird; alternate, W. G. Robertson.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Elders W. L. White, J. W. Caldwell and G. W. Kerr; alternates, E. M. Bealle, W. C. Hancock and J. F. Hodge.

The following resolution was offered by E. M. Bealle:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this body be given to the good people of Shiloh Church and other denominations of this community, and especially to the ladies, for their kind and bountiful hospitality during our stay with them.

Elder Hix B. Chappell offered the following:

Whereas, Elders J. W. Wright and R. J. O'Bryant, ordained ministers of Hickory Grove Church, have and are preaching and teaching heterodoxical to the faith of Baptists, therefore

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to visit said church and examine into said matter, and report at next session of this body.

In compliance with the resolution, the Moderator appointed G. B. Coleman, Elders D. O. Baird and G. W. Kerr, committee.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed, and pay himself \$15.00 out of the minute fund for his services; and any money over to be given to the Orphans' Home.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee.....	\$262 68
" cash since Association.....	3 80
	Credit-----
By Printing Minutes.....	\$ 30 00
" Clerk's service.....	15 00
" Crumpton—Home Missions.....	14 63
" " Foreign ".....	2 71
" " Ministerial Education, J. D. Ray..	85
" J. W. Stewart, Orphanage.....	94 15
" paid over to Executive Comm., State Missions.	71 15
" " " " General Fund.	37 71
" postage and money order fees.....	28
	----- 266 48

W. L. WHITE, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Received from all sources, State Missions.....	\$50 91
“ “ W. L. White, Tr. Ass'n, State Missions	71 15
“ “ “ “ General Fund	37 71
“ for Bible Work, S. S. Board.....	2 75
“ “ Ministerial Education, J. D. Ray.....	6 55
“ “ Orphanage.....	6 11
“ “ Foreign Missions.....	19 92
“ “ Home “.....	3 00
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By paid S. S. Board, Bible Work.....	\$ 2 75
“ Board Min. Ed , J. D. Ray.....	5 52
“ Foreign Missions.....	16 20
“ Home “.....	3 00
“ Orphanage.....	7 11
“ State Mission Board.....	10 50
“ “ “ Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Reform.	70 00
“ “ “ G. W. Kerr, Ethelville..	20 00
“ Postage.....	1 19
“ Blank Association Letters.....	50
“ 50 Postal Card circulars.....	50
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Balance on hand for State Missions—Reform, &c... \$ 61 03

Report of Committee on Finance adopted (see page 21).

The roll was called and absentees noted.

After a feeling talk from the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with Millport Church, Tuesday before the first Sunday in September, 1900.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Moderator.

W. L. WHITE, Clerk.



FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1899.

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CHURCHES	State Missions Cash	State Missions Voucher	Home Missions Cash	Home Missions Voucher	Foreign Missions Cash	Foreign Missions Voucher	General Fund Cash	General Fund Voucher	Associational Bible and Colportage	Ministerial Cash	Ministerial Voucher	College Building	Orphans' Home Cash	Orphans' Home Voucher	Minutes	
Bethlehem.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Liberty	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Fellowship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Spring Hill, L.	1 0	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 65	.....	1 50
Millport	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Union Centre	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
New Salem	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	50
Arbor Springs.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mineral Springs.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Ethelville	2 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Reform	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
Spring Hill, P.	2 15	.....	2 15	.....	.....	.....	3 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Hebron	3 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Big Creek	.....	3 25	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Cross Roads	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Hickory Grove	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Pickensville	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Carrollton	.....	12 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Ebenezer	.....	1 95	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Unity	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Enon	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
*Mt. Zion	54 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Prairie	1 60	1 45	2 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Shiloh	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Bethel	.....	5 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Beulah	.....	4 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 85
Flat Woods	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Chalcedony	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Zion	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Forest	.....	5 75	1 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Grant's Creek	.....	3 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Cornelius Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
New Hope.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Kennedy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20
3rd District	.....	10 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4th District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coll. at Assoc'n.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
total.....	\$71 15	\$55 49	\$14 63	\$21 68	\$2 71	\$66 40	\$87 99	\$13 15	\$17 65	\$12 22	\$80	\$36 31	\$17 05	\$83 85	\$54 17	\$37 65

* Sale of Church property.

List of Ordained Ministers in this Association, with
Their Post Offices.

D. O. BAIRD,	Coalfire,	Pickens County, Alabama.		
W. J. BEATY,	Kennedy,	Lamar	"	"
HIX B. CHAPPELL,	Dillburgh,	Pickens	"	"
J. A. ESTES,	McBee,	"	"	"
W. A. ESTES,	Palmetto,	"	"	"
J. D. HAMNER,	Romulus,	Tuskaloosa	"	"
G. W. KERR,	Reform,	Pickens	"	"
J. P. LEE,	Pickensville,	"	"	"
R. J. O'BRIANT,	Neal's Mill,	"	"	"
W. P. PEDEN,	Olney,	"	"	"
J. D. RAY,	Boom,	Tuskaloosa	"	"
J. L. RAY,	"	"	"	"
W. L. WHITE,	Pickensville,	Pickens	"	"
O. E. WOOTEN,	Gentry,	Lamar	"	"
J. W. WRIGHT,	"	"	"	"
J. W. CALDWELL.	Carrollton,	Pickens	"	"

Synopsis of Minutes of Sunday School Convention.

The 31st Annual Session of the Sunday School Convention of the Union Baptist Association was held with Fellowship Church, Pickens County, Alabama, July 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1899.

There were fourteen Sunday Schools represented by either letters, delegates, or reports.

The delegates present being enrolled, the Convention was organized by the re-election of S. S. Thornton as President and W. C. Mayes as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Order of Business, as prepared by the Secretary, was adopted.

The subject: "Wanted—more spirituality in Sunday School work, and how is it to be obtained?" was discussed by Rev. W. L. White, E. M. Beale and Rev. W. J. Beaty.

The subject: "Christ, the model teacher," was discussed by W. C. Mayes and W. G. Robertson.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. W. L. White, and was adopted :

Whereas. It appears that only fourteen Sunday Schools are represented in this Convention, out of about thirty-five churches; and whereas, many of our churches seem to have lost interest in the Sunday School work, by a failure to organize and maintain a Sunday School,

Be it resolved. 1st. That a committee be appointed by this Convention, to be known as the Central Committee, whose duty shall be to visit, in person or by letter, every church in this Association, and awaken the interest in the Sunday School, and encourage the organization of the Sunday School, in every church.

2nd. That this committee shall look out communities for the organization of Sunday Schools where there are no churches for the religious instruction of the children, and where necessary draw on the Treasurer for funds to supply literature.

3rd. That if thought advisable, this committee shall arrange for Sunday School rallies in as many communities as considered needful for the success of the work.

On the adoption of these resolutions, the following brethren were appointed as a Central Committee by the Convention: 1st district, J. B. Hodo; 2nd district, J. A. Pearson; 3rd district, W. G. Robertson; 4th district, E. M. Beale; with the Secretary, W. C. Mayes, as chairman.

The subject: "The Sunday School for all ages, classes, and conditions," was discussed by M. B. Curry, who informed us that the Sunday School comprehended all, and that none were too wise, nor too rich, nor too poor, nor too old, nor too ignorant, but could be benefitted by the study of God's word.

"How shall we produce a deeper interest in the Sunday School work?" was profitably discussed by Rev. G. W. Kerr.

By motion of Rev. W. L. White, the Convention appropriated one-half of all the funds in the hands of the Treasurer to State Missions.

The next session of the Convention, as reported and adopted by the Committee on Nominations, will be held with Hebron Church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1900, and continue three days. Introductory sermon by J. D. Ray; missionary sermon by Rev. D. O. Baird,

QUERIES AND ESSAYS.

1st—The effect of home training on the Sunday School. Opened by M. B. Curry.

2nd—The teacher's preparation for class work; 1st—Mental, by J. M. Smith; 2nd—Spiritual, by Rev. G. W. Kerr.

3rd—The influence and power for good in Sunday School Conventions. Opened by W. G. Robertson.

4th—Scriptural incentives to get a Sunday School lesson. Opened by R. N. Foster.

5th—What should be the main object in Sunday School teaching? Opened by E. M. Beale.

6th—Should the distinctive doctrines of the church be taught in the Sunday School? Opened by Rev. W. L. White.

7th—What shall our children read? J. B. Hodo.

8th—How shall it be supplied? Rev. J. W. Caldwell.

The Committee on Documents noted that from an enrollment of over four hundred pupils, of our meagre statistics, that there were only twelve conversions since last convention, showing a great lack of spiritual interest in the work.

The following resolution by Bro. E. M. Beale was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Constitution and Statistics of the Sunday School Convention of Union Baptist Association be published in the next Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount from last year.....	\$25 55	
" " Finance Committee, last year.....	6 90	
	————	\$32 45
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By Stationery.....	\$ 25	
Postage	51	
Printing.....	1 57	
	————	2 33
Balance due Convention.....	\$30 12	

W. C. MAYES, Sec'y and Treas.

NOTE BY TREASURER.—The above report is revised since my report to the Convention. The amount of last year's collection, if any, I have either lost the note of it, or mislaid it. I cannot find it among my papers. I do not recollect anything in regard to it. You need not include that item; it is missed among some other notes. It will turn up when I can have time to overhaul them.



STATISTICAL TABLE, UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1899.

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